

## Water Safety



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<u>Education and care services regulation/s</u>	NSW Department of Education policy, procedure or guidelines	Relevant National Quality Standard/s
<p><u>Regulation 168 (2)(a)</u></p> <p><u>Regulation 274</u></p>	<p>The following department policy can be accessed from the preschool section of the department’s <a href="#">website</a>;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Excursion Policy PD/2004/0010/V07</li> </ul>	<p>2.2: Each child is protected</p>

Water play is often included in outdoor play during Terms 1 and 4 when the weather is warmer. Water safety is included in the preschool learning program including Laurie Lawrences ‘Kids Alive do the five’ program.

- Water play usually includes water in the water trays, the sink and tap attached to the water tank, and watering the garden which includes filling watering cans from a tap and or larger bucket of water.
- Constant supervision is maintained when children are playing with water
- Water features or blow up swimming pools are rarely used at preschool but would require constant supervision to be maintained.
- Pooled water after rain is drained off as soon as practically possible.
- Children do not have access to the two outside mains water taps as both require a tap key to be fitted. The tap key is kept in a high position out of child reach.
- Adults do not carry and consume hot drinks in the children’s play areas.
- Children have no access to hot water
- Children can access the taps in the bathrooms to wash their hands but are reminded that it is not a play area.
- Children are encouraged to tell us when they need to use the bathroom during outside play so we can monitor their whereabouts at all times.
- An excursion to any destination with a water feature would require a risk assessment to be completed as part of the planning process.